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**In re Reissue of
Letters Patent 5,556,838**

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For: **INHIBITING THE DEVELOPMENT OF
TOLERANCE TO AND/OR DEPENDENCE
ON AN ADDICTIVE SUBSTANCE**

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PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Sir:

Claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 5,556,838 ("the '838 patent") has been amended.

Claims 3-16 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-16 are pending in this application.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested. No new matter has been introduced.

Also submitted herewith, is an Information Disclosure Statement.

**Claims 1-16 in the Reissue Application are Narrower in Scope than the
Original '838 Patent Claims and have Support in the '838 Patent Specification.**

The claims submitted in this reissue application are narrower in scope than the claims issued in the '838 patent. The '838 patent claim one is directed to a "composition" comprising "at least one nontoxic substance that blocks the N-methyl-D-aspartate receptor or a major intracellular consequence of N-methyl-D-aspartate receptor activation" and an addictive substance selected from an enumerated group of materials.